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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST
KARI JO KITTELL, RN,

Respondent

ORDER DENYING STAY

On July 21, 1999, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in Wisconsin was suspended for a period of not less than two years, with provision for successive three-month stays of the suspension conditioned upon compliance with certain conditions and limitations on the license. Among these were that respondent participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that she participate in psychotherapy a minimum of once per month, and that she participate in a program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in her blood or urine on a frequency of not less than twice per month.

By letter dated October 27, 1999, respondent requested that the stay of the suspension of her license be renewed for a period of three months. The board considered that request on January 6, 2000. The board also considered information that Ms. Kittell had submitted to only two urine screens between the date of the board's Order and November 23, 1999. The last paragraph of the board's July 21, 1999, Final Decision and Order in this matter states as follows:

Violation of any of the terms of this Order shall be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in summary suspension of respondent's license. The board in its discretion may in the alternative deny a request for renewal of the license or impose additional conditions and limitations or other discipline.

Accordingly, it is ordered as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the request of Kari Kittell for a further stay of the suspension of her license is denied, and her license is hereby suspended. Ms. Kittell may petition for a further three month stay of the suspension upon providing satisfactory evidence that she has fully complied with the board's July 21, 1999 Final Decision and Order during the previous three month period.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

by _____

Ann Brewer, RN

Chair